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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/050,908; Filed: January 18, 2002  
For: **Apparatus and Method for Cleaning Test Probes**  
Inventors: Buckholtz *et al.*  
Our Ref: 2026.0100000/MVM/J-C

Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

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